

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

JUNE 21, 2006

Members Present: Alta Vasey Morgan, John Anshus, Bob Giede, Chuck Klos, Lee Schwebs, Sally Schendel

Members Excused: Del Vollrath Also Present: Randy Eide, Bruce Heath

Guests: Mary Solberg, Menomonie Main Street and Gary Nyseth, Veteran's Memorial Committee

The meeting was called to order by Alta Vasey Morgan. Volunteer hours were circulated.

Veteran's Memorial: Mary Solberg and Gary Nyseth presented the plans and the budget for the Veteran's Memorial to the Board. Discussion followed and questions were answered.

Chuck Klos moved to accept the plan as presented on condition the replacement trees are of a significant size (4" DBH) and that four white pine (3" DBH) be donated for planting along the Lake Bank Nature Trail. These trees would replace the spruce that will be cut down. Bob Giede seconded. Carried.

The plan will now be presented to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Lee Schwebs, new City Council Representative to the Urban Forestry Board, was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Friends of the Urban Forest: Bob Giede gave leaves for the tree to John Anshus who will engrave them. Bob will then place them on the tree which is currently at the public library. A memorial leaf will be engraved for William O. Reppe.

2007 DNR Urban Forestry Grant: Randy Eide will fill out the basic application for the grant. It will include a GIS based operation for an automated tree canopy inventory.

John Anshus moved to apply for the DNR grant. Lee Schwebs seconded. Carried.

Nature Trail Report: Alta Vasey Morgan reported that \$14,485 has been raised for the trail. The dedication will be July 20 at 3:30 P.M.

Alta reported that the G.F.W.C. Menomonie Woman's Club hanging baskets are filling out and are being watered every other day.

Budget: Randy Eide reported that of the \$24,000 Urban Forestry Budget, 13% has been obligated to date. The remaining funds will be used for increased fall planting, safety equipment for the city crew, and eradication of box elder on the Cedarama Area of the lakebank.

Urban Forester's Report: Bruce Heath said it will cost \$400 to remove a large dead white pine on Wilson Street. A tree will be planted on the corner of 4th Street and Wilson Avenue. John Anshus reported vandalism to the Linden tree on the corner of 3rd and Main St. The city will replace it. Bruce will check the dying white pine in Sanna Park.

The Urban Forestry Board is concerned about the Oak tree on the parking lot of the new U.W.-Stout dorm. Protection is needed around the tree.

The Board recommended a tree cutting seminar be held on proper pruning, timing of trimming and other items of interest that should be attended by anyone cutting trees in the city. It would be open to the public as well. Aaron Wallace, Aaron's Tree Service, offered to assist with this.

City Council Report: Randy reported that Whisper Ridge on Dairyland Road will be meeting with the council to get approval for starting the first phase of 30 houses for the development.

Dunn County Fair: Randy will contact Cindy Casey about possible ideas for display. The Nature Trail signage may also be displayed. Sally will e-mail Darren Lochner about Wolske Bay signage.

Items for the Next Agenda:

John Anshus tree at Anshus Jewelers, 3rd. and Main.
Dunn County Fair

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 19th at 2:30 P.M. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Sally Schendel, Recorder